

Sou' Wester



April 2017

port luff starboard tournament

On Friday March 3rd 45 members and guests descended upon Alamitos Bat Yacht Club for the 5th annual Port, Luff, Starboard Dice Tournament! In some cases the families in attendance cover a three generation field of play! Five initial rounds were first played to loosen up the rolling wrists and review the game rules. At the conclusion of the warm-up round tour play began. Each table played to send their top two rollers to the championship ring (table). The final group of high rollers included the youngest player and a fleet of cagey experienced luffers! Among the players at the final table were our own Commodore Chuck Clay! After many Passes to Port, slides to Starboard, and Flicks to the Luff pot, The championship came down to the youngest player Miss Ives (dressed in day glow pink) and Carol Grimes (guest of Sharon Pearson). The chips passed back and forth and forth and back. Many rolls were made with no passes at all. In the end, Carol Grimes rolled the knockout and came away the 2017 Port, Luff, Starboard Champion. Carol's name will be engraved on the Perpetual Trophy for all eternity!

Congratulations Carol!

Latham Bell – PLS chair



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save the date

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Happy Hour	April 7, 14
CISA	April 8-11
US Sailing Team - 49ers here	April 12-19
Easter Brunch	April 16
Membership Meeting	April 21
Spring Spruce Up	April 22-23
Opening Day	April 29
Full ABYC Calendar	

Lori VanSkyhock's camera



manager's corner



Whew! I cannot believe it is April already, March just flew right by! For those of you who missed it, we had a great turnout for our March membership meeting, which was

hosted by the Lido Fleet. With the help of Dana Bell and her hard-working crew of volunteers, members were able to enjoy a scrumptious dinner of the traditional Irish favorite, Corned Beef and Cabbage. The evening was rounded out by a screening of the documentary "Sense

the Wind", hosted by producer/director Christine Knowlton. It was a pleasure having Christine as a guest of our club. You could tell she put a lot of heart and hard work into making the film, which focused on blind sailors and the challenges they face on and off the water. I'd like to thank Christine, as well as Dana Bell, Janet Lincoln, Sue McDannel, and Lesley Bunting, for all of their tremendous efforts in pulling off another successful evening at the club. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the meeting; it's always a pleasure to see everyone who comes out. And in case you missed the film and you would like to watch it sometime, I have donated a copy to the Club, which will be kept in the Quarterdeck library for all to enjoy.

On the same day as the Membership meeting, we bid farewell (albeit temporary) to our beloved staff member Julissa Fernandez, with a little surprise baby shower, as her last day of work came to an end. Members and staff were sad to say good-bye, but excited to help welcome her newest addition to the family, which is a boy (name TBD). Julissa will be gone on maternity leave for the next few months, but promises she'll come visit us when she can. In the meantime, galley & bar staff member Ariana Hernandez will be wearing yet another hat, and filling the void in the office. I'd like to wish Julissa and her family congratulations, and welcome Ariana to her new role in the office! Cheers!

Tori



commodore's compass



As I sit here in my home office writing my Sou'wester article I am reflecting on how fast time is blowing by, it is already April and "Tax Time" **Ugh!** What that really means is that we are now entering the "sailing season" and we are going to get really busy around the club. Starting this month we have the Cal 20 fleet championship, Kevin Browns fishing trip, CISA clinic, Sabot clinic, 29er fleet race / training, the US Sailing Team, the Olympic Development Program, Etchells fleet race and the start of the Lido twilights, not to mention Easter brunch, spring spruce up and sunset Saturdays. **WOW**, you really don't know how much is going on until you put it down on paper! I would suggest you come down and get involved and get off the couch!

Trish and I have been having a great time representing ABYC attending LAYC, LBYC, and Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club opening day ceremonies. We have a few more to attend and will keep posting on face book and social media. Our Opening Day is scheduled for April 28th, which kicks off the raft up party and the weekend; we will light off the cannon at noon followed by beer brats and a keg of beer. **Jon Robinson** and **Pat McCormick** are the guys that are heading up the party, so contact them if you want to bring your boat over and raft up. **Mike Baumann** is the MC for the Opening Day Celebration along with yours truly and the "30 minute rule" will be in effect. Please come down and enjoy the festivities and help kick off the sailing season.

ABYC is the Place to Be. Please come down and be part of the many sailing and social activities that we have going on and enjoy your fellow members.

Hope to see you around the club soon!

Chuck, Trish and Chelsea Clay





Spring has sprung, and before you know it will be Opening Day. In preparation for that special day it's time to take stock of our facilities, and pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. That's right, time to prepare for Spring Spruce Up. This year Spring Spruce Up is extra important. Not only because I am responsible for organizing it, but because on April 22nd 1903 the Highlanders (Yankees) lost their first game at Hilltop Park to the Washington Senators 3 to 1. I know, pretty amazing.

OK, enough of the small talk. I would like to see everyone that is able bodied show up for Spring Spruce Up this year. We can use your help on Saturday, or Sunday, or come both days. Working both days will make the Commodore really happy! In fact he will be so happy he will spring for a morning snack, lunch and beverages.

We are still formulating the list of projects. However I am certain we will need people to help with gardening, painting, general maintenance, whaler maintenance, hammering, nailing and sanding. So grab your spouse, child or neighbor and your favorite tools and head down to ABYC at 9:00 am on the 22nd or 23rd of April. If this is your first spring spruce up I think you will be pleasantly surprised by how much fun it is.

Please check out the attached flyer or contact Kevin Brown for more details.

Kevin

Save the Date
June 23, 24, 25



Volunteers Needed
Contact Jennifer:
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Sou'Wester DEADLINE

April 21, 2017 is the deadline
for the May Sou'Wester.

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you.

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March's General Membership meeting/St. Patrick's Day party was a great success, thanks to the Lido Fleet and SAC. For those of you who were not able to attend or did not see the presentation of "Sense the Wind" I encourage you to watch it. More information is available at the website <http://www.sensethewind.com>. It is a truly inspiring story.

Things are really going to start moving and shaking at ABYC in the next couple of months on and off the water. In April we will be hosting the CISA clinic, US Sailing Olympic Development Program and members from the US Sailing Team will be sailing out of ABYC through May. The CISA clinic this year will feature Nacra 15, International 420s, 29ers, and Laser Radial and Standard rigs. The coaching line-up for the clinic this year is very impressive including many Olympians including Caleb Paine who won a bronze medal in the Finn Class in Rio this past summer.

Shore-side, the SAC has worked hard to select a delicious menu for Easter and we are looking forward to a visit from the Easter Bunny. In May, we will have the Junior Program fundraiser, Wine by the Bay, a wine tasting event featuring a great selection of wines and appetizers. Not to be outdone by Easter Brunch and Wine by the Bay, Mother's Day is sure to be great. Please remember to make reservations well in advance for these events.

Dave Schack

fleet captain's



Just a few updates for this month's report. The two new Carolina Skiffs should be here around mid-May. The Board of Directors has approved the funds to upgrade our oldest outboard to a new 60Hp Tohatsu. Should be here at the end of the month. The new tires for the Opti trailer make it much easier to tow.

Last, do you think the new electric mule needs a name? If yes, please send your suggestion to

TeamABYC@yahoo.com.

Go Team ABYC
Steve Mueller

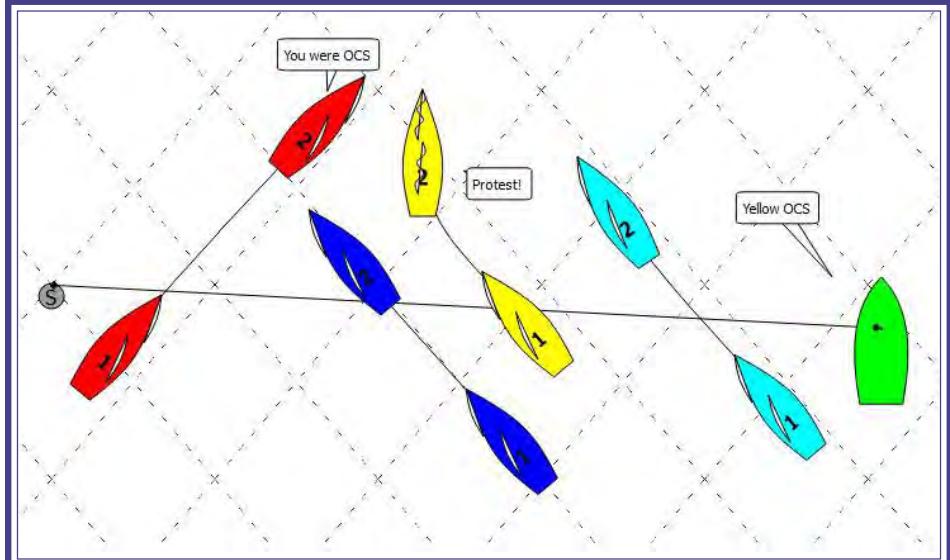


racing rules quiz #29

Answer on page 9

The Race Committee signals an Individual Recall and hails Yellow's sail number. Yellow luffs to slow down and let other boats pass so they can return to start. Red starts on Port and decides to cross ahead of Yellow, as she is a premature starter and must keep clear. Yellow manages to avoid a collision and protests.

What rules apply?



The Juniors were very busy this March! Our big regatta this month was the Shadden/Manning Regatta @ ABYC. Sailing under CBYC/ABYC, Jake Zieba and Cameron Feves took 3rd, out of 26 boats, at the Shadden! We had a fleet of seven Optimist sailors sail on the inside course (see picture of Coach Nick giving a chalk talk before sailing). Our High School Sailors also made the trip up to Santa Barbara for the PCISA Gaucho Regatta with coach Mark Ryan. Joseph Hou, and ABYC Junior Member, won the Laser Radial Gold fleet at Midwinters East in Florida at the end of February. Congrats to all of our sailors who have participated in regattas this month and done a great job representing Team ABYC!



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Liz Ackerman

ABYC

junior perspective

Jenn Golison photos

You may not know that high school sailing is very popular in California and here at ABYC. The Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association (PCISA) runs the five major two-day regattas, the fleet raced SoCal Series and the final PCCs. I sail on the LB Poly team that practices at ABYC, along with the team from Wilson, and other sailors whose high schools don't yet have teams. When my sisters sailed a few years ago Los Alamitos HS had a team, and Millikan and Marina had a split team. We are hoping Huntington Beach HS starts a team for next year. In the six big regattas, each team has an A division skipper and crew and a B division skipper and crew. The A division goes out and sails two races, goes in and then the B division sails. The A and B division scores are added for the team score.

Unfortunately, this has been the year of light to no winds at the five main regattas. The first regatta, Sea Otter, took place in Monterey last October and was hosted by CSU Monterey. At this

regatta we rotate off the beach, but people spectate from the long pier. Winds were 6-8 knots and shifty, and we completed 6 races. Little did we know that this would be the most wind we would see all season. Poly finished 14th and Wilson finished 18th and 30th in the Gold Division. The highlight of the weekend was a fantastic barbecue hosted by Jo and David Murray of LBYC for both teams at their Pacific Grove house. Thank you again to the Murrays! UC Irvine hosted the second regatta in November in Newport Beach. Once again another light air regatta with a total of seven races with Wilson finishing 15th and Poly finishing 19th out of 30 teams. USC hosted the Rose Bowl Regatta in January sailed off the Belmont Pier. There was hardly any wind all weekend so the couple of races sailed didn't qualify as a regatta. In February we all travelled to the Golden Bear Regatta hosted by Cal Berkeley. We sailed in the bay on the east side of Treasure Island with shifty and unstable conditions, but we



Mark Ryan coaching at Golden Bear

managed to get in only six races. Poly finished 14th and Wilson finished 16th and 27th.

The most recent regatta was Gaucho, hosted by UC Santa Barbara in March. Brad Schaueter, former ABYC Junior Director, runs the regatta as head coach of UCSB Sailing. This year we rotated the FJs off of the sandspit located at the end of the breakwater, and teams set up nearby on the breakwater. On Saturday, A and B rotation only got two races in for each rotation. However due to heavy fog, no races were held on Sunday. At the end of the weekend only two races were completed



Dinner with the Murrays

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Sailing under the Bay Bridge



Rotating off the Santa Barbara breakwater



Our tent at Sea Otter Regatta at Monterey



No wind at the Rose Bowl Regatta

late breaking news

Riley Gibbs is now a member of the US Olympic Team. WTG!! Congrats Riley! We are all so proud of you!!

junior program board rep

This is crunch time for planning the Jr. Sailing Program and believe me it has been busy with numerous JAC planning meetings. We are doing well to have a great core group of instructors lined up for the summer. The trick is to get quality coaching talent lined up but not over-staff in case participation does not meet expectations. And the last thing we want to do is not hire someone at the last minute because of too few sailors for that coach's group considering the hiring process really starts in January and by Easter time it is pretty well established at all Clubs.

Segway to Easter, we are going to have an Easter Sailing Program! We used to have these when I was a kid, oh so long ago. They will be in the same type of boats that our Summer Program entertains. CISA is still happening, just earlier in the month so we can take advantage of a different Spring Break time frame from them. (CISA is a high level Olympic grooming style of program held in those types of boats.)

Our Sail Cube Sail boats are due to arrive in mid-April. This is fantastic and we have very high hopes that these boats will help usher in a new wave of new beginner sailors into our sport.

Lastly, the club is hosting a wonderful fund raising event that adults can appreciate. It will be a Wine Tasting Evening with light food, and many of our Juniors serving and clearing. Please plan on coming to this for both supporting our program, but also for coming down and having a good time at the club. We have such a lovely venue and so many wonderful members. Come on down and be a part of it!

Happy Springtime!

Steve Bloemeke
ABYC Board of Directors, Jr. Sailing Program

membership report

We are pleased to welcome Jason Mullen and Kerry Morrigan as new members. Jason and Kerry are sponsored by Martyn Bookwalter and are very excited to expand their sailing adventures through their membership at ABYC. They have two young children, Jack and Rowan, and are a great addition to the club.

The following candidates have been through the posting period and have been approved for membership:

Approved for Membership	Type Member	Sponsor
Morgan Pinckey	Junior	Chris Raab
Scott Mais	Junior	Howard Hamlin
Don Welker	Regular	John Hauck
Clay and Carrie Carter	Regular	Meredith Modole

The following candidates have been posted for membership:

Approved for Posting	Type Member	Sponsor
John and Elise McCaleb	Regular	Steve Mueller
Albert Martinez	Regular	Bill Uniack
Stephan Bailey & Margaret Waltz	Regular	Steve Mueller

Our membership open house is coming up in June. This is a great opportunity to invite neighbors or friends who have expressed an interest in the club to come down and learn about the club. We serve snacks, hotdogs, and refreshments, offer Viper and Lido rides and give people the opportunity to hang out and see why we love our club so much. Time to start spreading the word.

Dan Milefchik



Don Welker receives burgee from sponsor Jon Hauck



Tom Shelton, Diana Burbano and Lionel receive their burgee

opening day and weekend 2017

Come join us for the 91st Opening Day at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Festivities include all the traditional things we look forward to, Friday raft up with food, drinks and music, Saturday club championship regatta, and open boat hospitality including a return of the raft-up passport.

We will start off the celebration at noon on Friday April 28 with the firing of the canon to signify the beginning of the Raft-up of member's boats for the Opening Day celebration. Come say hello to our weekend harbormaster, Pat McCormick on Friday afternoon, help raft-up the boats and have fun with your fellow members. Friday evening there will be food and beer with live music and a general party atmosphere. The bar will be open.

Saturday April 29th at 1100 we will have our club championship regatta. The coveted parking space is there for the taking. Spectating is available from the basin, clubhouse, and the beach. At 13:00 the fleet boats will be opening up for display and cocktails. We take a short break at 15:30 for the ceremony, then the fun continues with the staff commodore sponsored champagne and hour d'oeuvres on the docks. By popular demand, the ABYC passport is returning this year. Visit the raft-up boats, get your passport stamped, make some new friends, visit some old friends, and maybe take home a prize for being one of the most travelled raft-up visitors. Unfortunately there will not be a bar for this event. Yes I said no bar but each boat in the Raft-Up will have a specialty drink. Ok there will be a bar on one of the boats but you have to find it. Our guests will be forced to join us on our boats on the docks and have the great opportunity to meet and enjoy our members. Don't miss this one, it will be a great party. Save the weekend because ABYC is the place to be.

Mike Baumann & Jon Robinson



Happy Hour Sunset

March 3, 2017

Jennifer Kuritz Photo



st pat's kitchen

S t. Patrick's Day in the ABYC Kitchen

The St. Patrick's Day dinner served for the March General Membership Meeting was entirely Lori Vanskyhock's and Lesley Bunting's fault. Back at the January SAC (Social Advisory Committee) planning meeting for the Club's spring events Lori and Lesley suggested that we do the March 17 dinner in-house. While the Club has an excellent catering company we can use when needed and there are a number of local restaurants we can also order from, it was thought that since corned beef and cabbage are so easy to prepare we should just do it ourselves. I received my first introduction to the ABYC kitchen back about 2001 when Maggie Waterman conned me into helping prepare the Labor Day luau. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity our kitchen has the best view in the world, always a breeze off the ocean and yards of counter-space, huge sinks, and giant stoves to work with. Now back to the dinner. Friday morning, just before noon we popped 21 pounds of corned beef into the middle oven to cook for the next six hours at 275 degrees. At three o'clock the leprechaun crew of Lesley Bunting, Sue Mcdannel, Janet Lincoln, and myself (with Dave Myers to watch over our antics) arrived back at the kitchen to peel 25 pounds of potatoes and 15 pounds of carrots, quarter 9 heads of cabbage, prepare two pans of basil pesto pasta, and bake 12 loaves of Irish soda bread. For those of you who attended the General Membership Meeting we hope you enjoyed the dinner we had a ball preparing. And, since quite a few people did ask for the bread recipe (which takes all of about 5 minutes to make) the recipe is below. Enjoy!

Dana Bell

Brennan's Traditional Irish Soda Bread (allrecipes.com)

- 1) Mix 2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar into 1 cup milk to curdle (about 10 minutes)
- 2) Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- 3) Grease an 8" pie plate or set parchment paper on a cookie sheet
- 4) Stir together 2 cups all purpose flour, 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt.
- 5) Stir curdled milk into the flour mixture until dough just starts to hold together
- 6) On a WELL floured surface knead dough until it just forms into a ball shape
- 7) Place the dough in the pie plate or on the parchment, flatten slightly, and slice an "X" into the top (to release steam and help the dough retain its loaf shape)
- 8) Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown – about 35 to 40 minutes.
- 9) And, if you really want to be decadent brush the hot bread with melted butter.



rules answer #29

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Red has broken rule 10, Opposite Tacks. Rule 22.1 does apply until Yellow, the OCS boat, is sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions. Yellow is still the right of way boat and Red is the keep clear boat.

Mark Townsend



2017 San Diego NOODs

Aah, Saint Patrick's weekend, the promise of Hennessey's, green beer, good breeze and the flat water of San Diego's south bay was calling us back.. Is it that time again?? Nigel and I reflected on the way down that the 1st time we raced Vipers against other Vipers was 10 years ago at this event, my how the experiences and the miles have added up.

The forecast did not have a lot of hope, 7-9 kts and cool overcast days were what the speculators said, and they were close... We ended up with a bit over 10 and the skies burned off by noon mostly, although we had a fog line appear on the south side of the course each day that had a bit more pressure in it.

9 boats were able to make the trip, we did have quite a bit of attrition due to several Viper sailors trying out their big boat sled chops on the way to Cabo San Lucas in Mexico. (Hope they can get back in) =. Of the travelers, we had two down from Vancouver Canada, one from Post Falls Idaho, new owner James Baurley from Marina Del Rey who purchased #26 from Texas, (I miss you Bob), the always fast "Clown School" from Oxnard and four of the ABYC regulars. No matter the conditions, I knew with this crowd there would be tight racing and late nights at the multiple pubs in stumbling distance.

We rigged up Friday, and our lady Jennifer Weisman made it down from Santa Barbara. We made an appearance at the weather talk and competitor's briefing and then headed out to the race course. The venue was very typical with 20deg shifts and more than a few holes that will swallow the mojo off your Viper. 1 mile beats and twice around was the prescription for all weekend. Doing my usual greeting of my peeps, I noticed class secretary John Leyland's crew seemed to have been juggled. I found out that his middle crew Dave Phillips from Vancouver was so taken aback by the prospect of seeing sunshine while rigging, he suffered a heart attack... No Joke, a real one. Coronado YC and the EMS services did stellar duty and by 3pm he was out of the OR with a brand-new stent and looking for a beer. Never fear, Dave Reed from Sailing World had nothing better to do so he came out and played with us.

Three races scheduled, we lined up and decided we wanted the pin. WELL, I was a bit too early and flopped onto port with the intentions of ducking two boats. Well I succeeded in ducking 1½, OUCH!! I did my requisite 720 and decided to try to make up some self-induced damage, literally. No throw-outs for this dance... Our plan for the weekend was to just play the averages and sail fast and avoid major mistakes. We were in fourth at the final weather mark and decide to gybe away back to the right, found a great shift / header while the top pack floundered in light breeze on the left and we crossed the line 1st. Races 2 & 3 saw Eric Chadwick come on strong with two bullets while we visited the left side and decided not to go there anymore. Eric who was sailing with my long -time tactician Steve Bloemeke and Lido Rockstar Kevin Thomas won the day. So, after sailing in and doing some ghetto repairs to my bow, St Patrick was calling us to chase out the snakes. It all gets a bit foggy after that, but Saturday morning saw the Irish pub putting a large power washer in service to work on removing gastric "debris" from the deck.

Saturday saw the good Dr. Graves from Idaho sailing with his son Michael who is his regular, but for this event Dr. Graves brought in a ringer, his wife Kathy who raced with him back in college and has decided that the Viper was the perfect platform to get her back into racing. I won't speculate how many years ago that was, but all the rust went away by 1st race.. They carded 3 bullets and a 3rd that day while we were a consistent 2nd. We pulled into 1st by 4 points and decided we needed to watch the good Dr. very carefully on Sunday. We then summoned an Uber to San Diego YC's rum tent to try and pound the forehead on the flagpole. =

Sunday's breeze and shifts were very similar, so after processing the previous two days we carded three bullets and secured the event.

This was my 1st win @ NOODs, I have been the bridesmaid three times in the past so I got this monkey off by back. I want to thank Nigel Brownett and Jennifer Weisman for their calm, soothing nature on the boat and the wonder sense of humor and great attitudes they bring along with them.

Also, I want to give a huge shout-out to all the Viper family who braved the alcohol and the 10 miles to the Mexican border.

Timbo (Tim Carter)



hails from the fleets

C BYC photo



Cal 20 sailors have been fairly quiet lately as we build up momentum towards our peak summer sailing season. Even though the racing circuit has been fairly quiet, this is a great time to take care of some boat maintenance and enjoy a leisurely day sail in the bay or in the harbor. The Cal 20 is in fact one of the optimal small keel boats for cruising with a large cockpit that can accommodate lots of folks for a cocktail cruise. We applaud Linda Faust who probably gets more cruising hours in on her Cal 20 than anyone else in Fleet 1.

Our first spring regatta will be the Cal 20 Fleet Championships held on April Fool's day (already completed by the time you read this). This regatta will determine which sailor gets to represent the Cal 20 fleet at the ABYC Opening Day Kim Thompson Memorial Regatta. In May, the long standing tradition of Wet Wednesday's starts with LBYC hosting. In recent years, we have been seeing a nice turnout of around 10 to 15 Cal 20's racing at Wet Wednesday's. This is a great way to break up the week and enjoy some fun beer can racing. If you would like to crew on a Cal 20, feel free to check in with our Fleet Captain Steve George so he can hook you up with a Cal 20 driver. The winner each Wednesday receives a bottle of Mt. Gay from LBYC. Keith Ives and steady crew Chuck Stevens on Rubber Dog are the team to beat on Wednesday evenings as they have amassed many, many quarts of Mt. Gay over the years.

The big regatta of the Cal 20 season is the annual Class Championships. We are excited to announce that Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club will be hosting the 56th Cal 20 Class Championship between September 22 and 24. Racing will be inside the Harbor and the breeze in late September is typically more mellow at the Gulch compared to mid-summer. We are expecting a great showing from ABYC with part of the fun sailing our boats up the Harbor and camping out at CBYC in San Pedro to enjoy the on shore festivities. The Cal 20 Class has changed the format and sailors can now voluntarily choose which fleet to race in (Gold, Silver, and Bronze). This allows us to eliminate the old Friday elimination series. Right now the plan calls for two races on Friday, three on Saturday, and two on Sunday to constitute our traditional seven race series for Gold and Silver fleets. The Bronze fleet is a much more casual affair with racing limited the weekend.

We encourage all Cal 20 sailors, friends, and potential owners to check out more Cal 20 info on our revamped website: www.cal20.org

Until next time...

Todd



Cal 20 racing action at the Gulch. We are expecting 25 to 30 boats at the CBYC hosted Class Championships this year.



The "start and first leg" are 75% of the race according racing expert Dave Perry. So, Fleet Six focused on the "start" part. Fleet Six's own race expert, two time national champion, Mark Ryan coached while 9 boats took advantage of the start clinic hosted by the Lido fleet. Mark put the fleet through stop and go drills and boat handling drills to get in good position for the start of a race. Ron Clanton ran the barge race committee while John Gresham took video and photos of

the fleet. During lunch break Gresham evaluated by video different team's techniques in hopes of improving their performance. Fleet Six is so lucky to have Mark Ryan and John Gresham among us. Two guys who generously give back to the sport of sailing through their kind coaching skills. The fleet went back out on to the bay to enjoy three more practice races which saw different teams win each race.



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hails from the fleets

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Upcoming events:

Silent Film Festival/Art Deco Ball Casino Avalon, Fleet Six Golf Tournament Avalon, May 20, 2017. You are invited to dress in 20s, 30s, 40s, period clothing even if you don't plan on attending the Ball. Two round of golf are planned for Friday. One round in the morning, lunch break, and second round after lunch.

Upcoming Races:

April 15, Oceanside Harbor: Jessup

April 28-29 Spring Invitational Mission Bay

May 27-28 Memorial Day Regatta

August 11-13 Lido Nationals Newport Beach, CA

For Lido Fleet membership, questions or to arrange to charter the Lido Fleet boat, contact Fleet Captain Kathy Reed at KathyReed1@verizon.net

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C INDY HEAVRIN WINS SENIOR SABOT MIDWINTERS B FLEET

The Senior Sabot Midwinters was sailed at Balboa Yacht Club. The regatta was postponed because of bad weather. Cindy loaded up her boat and headed to BYC and represented ABYC with honor, winning the B Fleet and a neat backpack! Congratulations Cindy!

SABOT SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

March 12 was the first leg of the ABYC Senior Sabot Fleet Championship. Our thanks to Gabe Ferramola and Bill Moore for running three challenging races.

We welcomed two new Senior's: Nigel Brownett and Joel Stone. It was great to have them sailing with us.

The first race was sailed in light air and fog. Race 2 was beautiful and sunny with more wind. Race 3 saw the fog rolling in again which thickened to pea soup as we sailed back to ABYC.

The light air and shifty conditions gave everyone but our top three finisher's trouble. They seemed to know where to go!

Results Overall: 1st Mary Riddick (5); 2nd Lee Berlinger (6); 3rd Tom Newton (8); 4th John Ellis (14)



Cindy Heavrin (right) wins the B fleet at Midwinters

THE NEXT SENIOR SABOT FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP RACES WILL BE SAILED APRIL 2ND

Anyone 18 or older is invited to come out and join us for these races. There are many junior Sabot parents with access to boats. Let's get those boats off the racks and out on the water one Sunday a month for a fun racing experience.

If you haven't raced before, don't worry. We will have a "B" start to make it easier to get into the swing of things. Sign up on the patio before you put your boat together. The Skipper's meeting is at 11:30 a.m., with the first start at noon.

After sailing we get together upstairs at ABYC for wine, great race stories, and dinner.

For more information and if you have questions, please email Kathy Weishampel at kathywdesign@yahoo.com

KEEL BOAT FLEET ON WATCH



Our next meeting is May 12 and is in the quarter deck by the patio. As decided at the March Keel Boat Fleet Meeting, the dinner will be partly potluck so please bring salad, vegetable or desert to share and the barbecue will be lighted for your own entree. Also bring your own booze and a small hors d'oeuvre to share. Keel Boat Fleet will provide paper dinner plates, cups, plastic cutlery and barbecue tools.

As this is the last meeting before the summer break, let's hope everyone can attend. We will notify you by way of the August Sou'wester of the next Keel Boat Fleet meeting in September.

See you there,
George



EASTER CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Sunday, April 16

~ Brunch ~

9:30 am – 1 pm

~ Photos with Easter Bunny ~

10:45 am – 11:30 am

~ Easter Egg Hunt ~

11:30 am

Reserve by April 7

Adults \$25 ~ Kids (3 - 10) \$10

(2 & under eat free!)

After April 7

Adults \$30 ~ Kids (3 - 10) \$10

Tel: (562) 434-9955

Email: abyc.sheila@gmail.com

Online: abyc.org

Brunch

~ 1st Seating ~

9:30 am – 11:00 am

~ 2nd Seating ~

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

When Reserving, Let Office Know:

- Which Seating You Prefer
9:30 am or 11:30 am
- Number in Your Party

MENU

- Scrambled Eggs • Quiche Lorraine
- Crisp Bacon • Pork Sausage Links
- Turkey Sausage Patties • M & M Pancakes
- Blueberry Pancakes • Country Home Potatoes
- Smoked Salmon • Petite Bagels, Muffins, and Croissants • Crudite Garden of Cucumber, Tomato, Onion, Basil, Artichoke, and Chives
- Fresh Fruit Platter



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Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

SPRING SPRUCE-UP

*Have Fun and Get the Club Ready
for a Fun Summer*

**Saturday - Sunday,
April 22 - 23, 2017
9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

*Morning Snacks, Lunch,
and Beverages will be
Served*





HOST BOAT RAFT-UP

Friday, April 28, 2017



The Organizing Authority for the ABYC Opening Day Host Boat Pre-Party will be the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, 7201 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90803

1. RULES

- 1.1 Event will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The Partying Rules of Sailing (PRS).
- 1.2 Partiers are reminded that under the preamble to Part 2 of the PRS, boats partying must comply with Inland Party Rules (72 COLREGS) when they meet other partiers.
- 1.3 The party will be a Category 4 event as defined by PHPF of Southern California.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising this party to your fellow members and guests is highly encouraged.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All ABYC members and guests.
- 3.2 All classes of members are welcome.
- 3.3 Members and guests without class are eligible, but encouraged to get some.

4. FEES

- 4.1 This is Opening Day weekend and we don't need no stinkin fees.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Friday April 28, 2017 — 1st Beer Warning at 1155.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 **BOAT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**
- 6.2 We must know: If you are attending / Your arrival time / Your boat's length/beam / Special mooring requirements.
- 6.3 Please contact: **Pat McCormick** (562) 673-8418 patricknmnmccormick@yahoo.com

7. PARTY INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Organizing Authority suggests that you chill out/have fun. How's that for PI's?
- 7.2 All participating boats will receive a 2017 Host Boat Pennant.
- 7.2 There will be beer and food (see Courses below).

8. VENUE

- 8.1 Basin 5 adjacent to ABYC.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Free brats and beer during raft-up until they run out.
- 9.2 Taco cart with music.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Suitable penalties for PRS violations will be administered by the Party Protest Committee.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 With discretion please. *This is a family club.*

12. BERTHING

- 12.1 Free berth for all REGISTERED boats from Friday, April 28 through Sunday noon April 30.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 It's not that kind of party.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 It's not our fault if you don't come and have fun.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

- 15.1 Stay tuned for further announcements. Check the website and the Weekly Reader frequently.



Music!



Free brats and beer during raft-up until they run out.



Tacos cart for Friday evening Happy Hour.

Friday Evening Happy Hour

MENU

Tacos

Adults \$8.00

Kids (Under 12) \$5.00

Bar Open

Cocktails & \$2.00 Beers

RSVP

Sheila (562) 434-9955

*You are cordially invited
to attend*

“Wine by the Bay”
*an ABYC Junior Program
Fundraiser*

*at
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club*

*Saturday, May 6, 2017
6:30pm - 8:30pm*

*\$38.00 per person
includes wine tasting and
heavy hors d'oeuvres*

*RSVP by April 30th
to: 562-434-9955*

*Attire: Yacht Club Spiffy
Further event information can
be found at abyc.org*

Special Mother's Day Brunch

Menu

Omelet Station

Choice of Cheddar & Feta
Cheese, Spinach, Peppers,
Onions, Mushrooms, Bacon,
& Sausage

Buffet

Whole Roast Salmon Filet
(Chimichurri, Dill Lemon Aioli)

Red Roast Potatoes

Bacon

Pork Sausage Links

Scrambled Eggs

Mini-Muffins, Danish

& Mini-Bagels

Butter, Cream Cheese

Fruit Platter

Includes

- Champagne Mimosas
- Hibiscus Champagne



ABYC
Sunday
May 14, 2017

*Serving from
10:00 am to 1:00 pm*

By May 6th

**Adults \$25 Kids (3 - 10) \$10
(2 and under eat free!)**

After May 6th

Adults – \$30 Kids (3 - 10) \$10

Moms will receive a small gift.

Tell us how many moms when you reserve

**Make Reservations Online
or Call Sheila (562) 434-9955**



"All Hands On Deck!"

ABYC is proudly hosting the 29er Worlds
and needs volunteers for
EVERYTHING!

July 29 - Aug. 5
(Mid Week Needed the Most)

We Are Also In Need Of Housing For The Following:

- * Judges
- * Measurer from Perth
- * Class Photographer (European)
- * Class Executives
- * Chief Scorer
- * Chinese Regatta Chair for 2018

Don't Miss Out On The Fun!
Be A Part of this Rare Opportunity
by contacting
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY						
			1 High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	2	3 High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	4 SCYA Manning Series/Shadden #4 ODP Sailing Camps						
5 SCYA Manning Series/Shadden #4 ODP Sailing Camps	6 Club Closed	7 Club Closed Learn to sail Clinic Session	8 RMC / SAC Meeting High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	9	10 Bridge Quarterdeck Keelboat Social Happy Hour (5:00 pm)	11 Opti Green Fleet BB Hart Memorial Service (2:00 pm)						
12 Etchells Fleet Race Senior Sabot Sunday Learn to sail Clinic Session 1 Sabot Clinic Opti Champ Fleet 29er Fleet Race (12:00 pm) Jenny's Party (6:00 pm)	13 Club Closed City of LB Management Training (9:00 am)	14 City of LB Management Training (9:00 am) Club Closed	15 BoD Meeting High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	16	17 General Membership Meeting High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	18 Lido Clinic Sunset Saturday (3:00 pm)						
19 Learn to sail Clinic Session 1 29er Fleet Race (12:00 pm)	20 Club Closed Club parking lot closed (7:30 am)	21 Club Closed Learn to sail Clinic Session 2 Ukulele Lessons (7:00 pm)	22 High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	23	24 Opti Practice High School Sailing (3:30 pm) Happy Hour (5:00 pm)	25 Quarterdeck/Patio Closed Sunset Saturday (3:00 pm) Cat Poly Choir Fundraiser (5:00 pm)						
26 Quarterdeck/Patio Closed 29er Fleet Race (12:00 pm)	27 Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29 High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	30	31 Opti Practice High School Sailing (16) (3:30 pm) Happy Hour (5:00 pm)							

Club Hours Social Meetings Junior Other Race

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Cal-20 Fleet Championships Quarterdeck/Patio Closed Opti Green Fleet Hauck Reception Party (5:00 pm) AYYC Fishing Trip (7:00 pm)
2 Quarterdeck/Patio Closed ABYC Fishing Trip (7:00 pm) Senior Sabot Sunday Sabot Clinic Opti Champ Fleet Learn to sail Clinic Session 2 49er Fleet Race (12:00 pm)	3 Club Closed	4 Club Closed Ukulele Lessons (7:00 pm)	5 High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	6 ODP Camp Lido Twilight (6:00 pm)	7 Bridge Quarterdeck Opti Practice High School Sailing (3:30 pm) Happy Hour (5:00 pm)	8 CISA Clinic Viper Fleet Race
9 CISA Clinic	10 CISA Clinic Club Closed U.S Sailing Team 49er	11 CISA Clinic U.S Sailing Team 49er Club Closed PBPG Meeting (5:30 pm)	12 U.S Sailing Team 49er RMC / SAC Meeting Club Closed P.I.C. Meeting (2:00 pm) High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	13 U.S Sailing Team 49er ODP Camp Lido Twilight (6:00 pm) Community Meeting (6:30 pm)	14 U.S Sailing Team 49er ODP Camp Opti Practice High School Sailing (3:30 pm) Happy Hour (5:00 pm)	15 U.S Sailing Team 49er ODP Camp Etchells Fleet Race Easter Brunch Setup Sunset Saturday (3:00 pm)
16 U.S Sailing Team 49er ODP Camp Easter Brunch: 9:30 Seating (9:30 am) Easter Brunch: 11:30 Seating (11:30 am)	17 U.S Sailing Team 49er ODP Camp Club Closed Jr Sailing Seminar	18 U.S Sailing Team 49er Club Closed Ukulele Lessons (7:00 pm)	19 U.S Sailing Team 49er Jr Sailing Seminar BoD Meeting High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	20 Lido Twilight (6:00 pm)	21 General Membership Meeting Opti Practice	22 Spring Spruce Up Opti Green Fleet
23 Spring Spruce Up Learn to sail Clinic Session 2 Opti Champ Fleet 49er Fleet Race (12:00 pm)	24 Club Closed	25 Club Closed	26 High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	27 Lido Twilight (6:00 pm)	28 Opening Day Raft-up NOSA Newport to Ensenada Race Opti Practice High School Sailing (3:30 pm)	29 NOSA Newport to Ensenada Race Club Championship Regatta Opening Day (11:00 am)
30 NOSA Newport to Ensenada Race						

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